

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 16th 2005

Jamboree On The Air 2005

The 48th JOTA is taking place this weekend. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours. Stations on air for JOTA are: EI1SI - 2nd Kerry Sea Scouts operating from Fenit; EI3SI - operating from Larch Hill Scout Campsite in Dublin; EI4SI - 132nd Dublin, Bayside operating from the Howth Martello Tower; EI5SI - operating from Mount Melleray Scout Centre in County Waterford; EI6SI - Waterford Scout County operating from the den of 1st Port of Waterford Sea Scouts in Waterford City (Saturday Only); EI7SI - 1st Meath operating from Dunboyne; EI8SI - 1st/7th Limerick operating from Limerick City.

Groups participating in JOTA are asked to submit reports to Sean O'Suilleabhain EI3IP, National JOTA Organiser at Scouting Ireland, Larch Hill, Dublin 16 or by Email to jota@scouts.ie. The report form is downloadable from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Webpage www.scouts.ie/jota All reports received will be used in compiling the National Report for the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The following officers were elected at the 2005 AGM of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network. Chairperson is Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, Secretary is John Corless EI7IQ and Treasurer is John McAndrew EI3JM. PRO and Club Newsletter Editor is Brendan Minish EI6IZ. Rally Director is Padraic Baynes EI9JA. Full committee details will be in next weeks bulletin.

Worked All Ireland

Attention all mobiles and portable stations. The Worked all Ireland net needs mobiles and portable stations to activate areas on 80 meters frequency 3.680 MHz. Please contact Noel if you are able to provide areas so that he can notify interested people to DAY, DATE and TIME. Noels e-mail is nfmulvihill at eircom dot net.

Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition at the ILAC Central Library in Dublin Due to popular demand, the ILAC Adult Learning Centre have allowed a one-month extension to the Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition, so it will remain on view until the last Saturday in October 2005. All items are supplied by Liam EI9DVB.

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Rally will be held on Sunday November the 20th at the usual venue, the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bookings for accommodation should be made directly with the hotel. The rate is 50 Euro per person with a special all-in rate of 70 Euro for Bed & Breakfast and evening meal. Traders or clubs wishing to book exhibition space at the Mayo Rally are asked to contact Padraic Baynes EI9JA on 087 6957154 evenings only or by e-mail on "ei9ja at eircom dot net".

Shannon Basin Radio Club Sprint Challenge

The Shannon Basin Radio club is again running its annual one-day Open, Fixed, Challenge for EI residents. This challenge is open to all licensed operators and short wave listeners, and will be held on the 6th of November 2005 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours.

The purpose of the challenge is to encourage radio operators and short wave listeners to be active on the H.F bands. The challenge will have three modes of operation, and the winner in each mode will be awarded with the following;

The Lough Allen Shield will be awarded to the highest score in SSB. The Lough Ree Shield will be awarded to the highest score in CW (A1A). The Lough Derg Shield will be awarded to the highest score for Short Wave Listeners.

The above winners will also receive a personal trophy.

To receive a copy of the rules for the above challenge, please send a stamped address envelope to the contest manager EI6HW, Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath or e-mail nfmulvihill at eircom dot net.

Important; Persons intending to compete must send notification prior to the contest date, so good luck and 73's to all from the Shannon Basin Radio Club.

Space News

SA AMSAT has been involved in discussions with the Department of Science and Technology in South Africa to include an amateur payload for Radio Amateurs on the African continent.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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